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President Rudd Joins Gospel Singers

President Rudd, who directed the movements of both the Ladies' and Male Quartets during the early part of the summer, left Dayton the second week of August to join the young men in Ohio, relieving Miss Yancey and her companion, Miss Kuntz. Miss Yancey has returned to her home in Virginia for a much needed rest prior to the opening of school the last of the month. Miss Kuntz, after a visit with Miss Lillian Hummel, who went to Clearfield, Pennsylvania, with Mr. and Mrs. Fish, has returned to her home in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Traveling with President Rudd and the singers, as accompanist, was Howard Kee, who spent the first six weeks of the summer with the young ladies. The men's tour was completed at the Youth Rally being held in the Temple Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Ohio, on September 1st.

While President Rudd is away from the University, Mrs. Rudd is enjoying a time of relaxation and rest with her relatives in Olathe, Kansas.

Mr. Fish Receives M. A. Degree

On leave of absence for the past year for the purpose of taking graduate work at Wheaton College, Mr. Lloyd E. Fish, Assistant Treasurer and Instructor in Psychology in Bryan University, had conferred upon him at the end of the summer session of Wheaton College the degree of Master of Arts.

To celebrate his return from Wheaton, Mr. and Mrs. Fish visited his parents in Kane, Pennsylvania, from where they have now returned and resumed their duties in the office. To Mr. Fish from NEWS-ETTE go hearty congratulations and a warm welcome back into the fellowship.

Attention, Please!

Old and new students are requested to observe the following relative to their coming to the University this year:

1. Be sure the University has been definitely informed that you are coming. An increase in the number of students is expected to crowd both dormitories to capacity.

2. Send your \$5.00 room reservation fee at once. Rooms will be reserved only for those who comply with this ruling. The fee is applied on your first month's expenses.

3. DO NOT arrive before September 26th. There is no advantage to your doing so so far as your relationship with the University is concerned, and it will definitely increase the burdens of the University staff, all of whom will greatly appreciate your cooperation.

4. Be determined that you will not be the first one to fall short of what is expected of you. Do your work prayerfully and thoroughly. Assume the responsibility of building up the University, and, having set your hand to the plow, do not turn back.

5. Let us know when you will arrive.

Dayton Being Transformed

Not since the Battle of Words between Bryan and Darrow has there been so much going on in Dayton as at the present time. Students and staff members returning in September will wonder if they got off at the right "stop" when they start for the University Campus, so many are the changes being brought about by the Tennessee Valley Authority. Houses are being torn down, new ones erected, others moved so that whole streets appear to have been moved in a giant landslide. To keep from being left in the street, Rev. A. J. Levengood, of the Tennessee Mountain Mission and part-time university staff member, is living with his family in dormitory rooms while a new home is being erected.

The T.V.A. is about to finish Chickamauga Dam, near Chattanooga and forty miles from Dayton, which backs up the water of the Tennessee River to form a lake reaching the very corner of the University Campus. Construction has started on Watt's Bar Dam just above Chickamauga Lake, so that Dayton is to be near to two large lakes. We don't mind seeing the lake bottom denuded of timber, nor are we so terribly frightened by all the blasting when we remember that a beautiful lake is to add to the natural attractive scenery which is about Bryan Hill on every hand.

Graduate Visits

The guest of Miss Juanita Pendergrass, Miss Sybil Lusk, one of the University's first graduates, had supper with the family not so long ago. Miss Lusk, a member of the faculty of the John Brown Schools of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, is staying in Dayton during a part of her vacation.

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— God Above All —

Cold Figures

Friends closely in touch with the University know that the forced building program of last year placed the faculty under the tremendous burden of more and more sacrifice, the percentage of payment on their stated salaries being lowered from the approximately 40% of previous years to under 36%. Of this 36% less than 21% was paid to the teachers in actual cash, the balance being paid in room and board.

Under the present scale the average salary, including administrative officers, is \$150.00 a month, 21% of which is \$31.50, the amount actually paid in cash, student labor for laundry, or some other service. Under the pro rata plan each teacher agrees to "return" to the University whatever portion of his salary (approximately 60% for the past four years) has not been paid to him. In this way, the University does not incur further obligation to the workers.

We give you these figures simply to show that the faculty believes in the institution enough to sacrifice heavily. They are asking no sacrifice of contributors and friends beyond that they have already made themselves.

September 26th marks the opening of the tenth year of the University's service to the Lord. All things point to an increased student body, with representatives from several new States and Canada. Changes in the faculty require an increase in that group. Again, our growth necessitates an expansion of material equipment.

By erecting additional partitions in the boys' dormitory, we will be able to house comfortably from thirty to

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YOUNG PEOPLE NEED THE RIGHT KIND OF EDUCATION

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Having reached this sad end to a generation or two of so-called Christian education, are God's people going to turn their backs on education altogether? Are they really tempted to place a premium on ignorance? We believe the more thoughtful Christians, at least, have not reached this conclusion. Certainly it is a time to get one's bearings before proceeding. May we offer a few suggestions?

In the first place, young people are younger than ever before on graduating from High School. As a friend puts it—"Some of the young people of our church find themselves bewildered, with education finished, no job, and an unfriendly world." These young people are not ready to assume family life and responsibilities. They are not mature enough to stand the rigors of the business and industrial world. Their great need is the proper environment to bridge the gap of years yet remaining before they are fully mature. Many parents have found the Bible Institutes and a few Christian colleges the answer to this problem.

Some, feeling a call to the Lord's work, have sought to cut as short as possible their preparation so that they could begin the harvest of souls "before the night cometh." While not seeking to establish a general rule, we must remember that no preparation is too good for the Lord's work. The Seminaries that have lengthened already thin, Godless courses should not lead us to neglect adequate preparation.

Fundamental and orthodox Christian circles have their tragedies, too. There are hundreds upon hundreds of Bible School graduates who fully expected to enter full-time Christian service, who have not yet found a field of service. Many are finding the all-too-common difficulty of earning a living and doing the Lord's work at the same time. We are forced to the conclusion that the right kind of education must include practical courses that have to do with earning a living and with household economy even while training for the most practical sort of Christian services. The greatest weakness in the best so-called Christian education has been the ten-

dency to get young people ready for service but without ever getting them started in witnessing to Christ's saving power and to exactly what salvation is. (I Cor. 15:1-6)

Because there are those that would discount education as the solution to present-day difficulties it is not amiss to call attention to one very evident fact. It is becoming almost impossible to avoid an education of some sort or other. Compulsory education through the grades and more and more through high school is the rule. Public opinion is a powerful incentive toward even more than a high school education. If all colleges were closed tomorrow, adult education would continue. Social and commercial intercourse has always been educational and with modern means of transportation this is even more true today. Modern means of communication, particularly the radio, are disseminating information, both good and bad. Young people are citizens of the world of today. Facts having to do with their welfare are pressing in on every hand, and from every land. Ignorance—total ignorance—of the world is out of the question. If the right kind of education is neglected, the wrong will prevail and produce and reproduce in a lack of the knowledge of God and His Word.

We do not know exactly what is ahead of us, but we do know that young people need as never before to be alert and aware in the light of the Bible of all that is going on in the world. Only in the Bible will they find the wisdom that will save them from endless confusion and keep them from fear and panic at the things taking place in the world today.

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LEVENGOOD ON SPEAKING TOUR

Traveling and speaking in the interests of the Tennessee Mountain Mission and the Rural Bible Crusade, of which he is Director, Brother A. J. Levengood, Mrs. Levengood and others of the family left Dayton on August 23 on a speaking tour through Ohio and Indiana. During the trip of some two or three weeks, he will speak in a number of prominent churches, presenting the needs and aims of the work he represents.

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Bryan University

PERFECT PEACE

I look not back; God knows the fruitless effort,
The wasted hours—the sinning, the regrets.
I leave them all with Him who blots the record,
And graciously forgives, and then forgets.

I look not forward; God sees all the future,
The road that, short or long, will lead me home.
And He will face with me its every trial
And bear for me the burdens that may come.

I look not round me; then would fears assail me,
So wild the tumult of earth's restless seas,
So dark the world, so filled with woe and evil,
So vain the hope of comfort and of ease.

I look not inward; that would make me wretched.
For I have naught on which to stay my trust,
Nothing I see save failures and shortcomings,
And weak endeavors, crumbling into dust.

But I look up—up into the face of Jesus,
For there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled;
And there is joy, and love, and light for darkness,
And perfect peace, and every hope fulfilled.

—Unknown.

gers promise a time of blessing and fellowship both needed and desired. Friends from Dayton and other sections of the country will be welcomed on Bryan Hill to share the feast with us. Arrangements should be made early.

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forty young men, making living conditions such as will allow proper study and meditation, something hardly possible in double rooms housing from six to ten occupants.

By erecting other partitions in the faculty quarters, teachers and staff workers will be more comfortable, and the present space will increase its capacity by some five or six occupants. For some of these workers to average from twelve to sixteen or eighteen hours a day is not unusual. But such long hours and such strain require rest under the best of conditions if the workers are to maintain a high degree of efficiency.

The partitions needed can be erected at a total cost of one thousand dollars. To the home of each NEWSETTE reader the mail has brought an appeal for his contribution to this fund. The need is urgent; the cause worthy. Perhaps you

WHERE'S SALLY?

That's what we want to know. Where's Sally? Returning to the campus under cover of darkness came former student and fellow-worker Mr. Lewis Llewellyn, who with Mrs. Llewellyn (Sally) had been vacationing at his home in Freeport, Pennsylvania, for some time. Mr. Llewellyn will resume his work as director of printing during the coming year and will be joined by Mrs. Llewellyn at the opening of school. She is at present visiting her sisters in Marianna, Pennsylvania.

have thought someone else would send his gift, making yours unnecessary. That "someone else" may be thinking the same thing. We are calling on YOU to meet this need.

It is not a sign of discouragement, but a sign of growth and encouragement. God is sending the students, the teachers. Let Him use you to take care of the increase, that you may have a greater share in the testimony of the school, that you may have a greater reward laid up in heaven. Surely He has blessed and will continue to bless those who are faithful in this, our common ministry.

ENTERING SEMINARIES

Mr. Forrest Ford and Mr. William Kerr, both graduates of the class of 1939, will continue their training for the ministry during the coming year in the seminaries of their choice.

Mr. Ford, of Warfield, Kentucky, will enter the Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, to study for the ministry, having been in Bryan University for four years. It is interesting to note that this is the young man who told his mother one day four years ago: "I'll go to Bryan University if you want me to, but I won't be a Christian—I don't like their ways." Praise the Lord for the testimony of this young worker, who has been made a new man in Christ Jesus.

Entering Bryan University after three years in Wheaton College, Mr. William Kerr leaves his home in Atlantic City, N. J., to enter Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana. Mr. Kerr's messages and testimony have been used of the Lord during his short stay in Bryan. NEWSETTE extends to both these "ambassadors" sincere wishes for success and joy in His service.

Summer Campus Visitors

This summer, visiting friends to the Campus have found the summer staff busy enough, but better able than last year to spend a little time of fellowship with them. Of the many visitors, we mention a few who took time to stop, to sign the Visitors' Register, and to visit.

Professor and Mrs. Orsen Carnahan, of Syracuse University, New York, and friends of Bryan University from its beginning, stopped by overnight with Mr. Emil Wieszick on their trip to Alabama and the Gulf. The fellowship with them was enjoyed so much that it took little persuasion for the Male Quartet of the Gospel Singers to return the visit to the Carnahan home in Syracuse, where they were greatly refreshed in an atmosphere of warm hospitality.

A Bryan alumnus of 1936, William Wonderly, stopped by for a brief but enjoyable visit on the way from his home at Mt. Lake Park, Maryland, to the Summer Missionary Language School being held at Camp Wycliffe, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Mr. Wonderly received his Master of Theology Degree from Columbia Bible College this past Spring.

From Mr. Bryan's birthplace, Salem, Illinois, came for a brief visit our friends, Dr. Homer H. Rhule, Salem Presbyterian Minister, and his sisters, Miss Rhule and Mrs. Bonner. Dr. Rhule was the host minister for a service held by the Ladies Quartette in the Salem community on Sunday, July 30th.

First 1939 Freshman to arrive—for a few days' visit—was Mr. Newell W. Reid, of Woodside, Delaware. Mr. Reid made the brief visit to Dayton during a lull in employment to get acquainted here and to do some scouting for self-help work.

Mrs. P. S. Taylor and Miss Mary Russell, W. P. A. officials, visited over night with their friend, Miss Juanita Pendergrass. Miss Pendergrass spent a day or so traveling with them in adjoining counties.

Surprise visitors were Rev. R. E. Penick, Mrs. Penick, Ralph Penick, and Professor W. T. Turk. Mr. and Mrs. Penick were on a circle tour with Ralph through eastern states, including Georgia, where they stopped

briefly with Prof. Turk at his Homer, Georgia, home.

Citrus Nurseryman J. D. Coburn, of Eagle Lake, Florida, with his sons, Ray and Joe, stopped for a brief visit at the University Campus. He expects his daughter, Miss Jackie, to be one of the 1939-40 Freshman students.

Mother of Mrs. Lloyd E. Fish, Mrs. Lois Hodges, with Mr. J. F. Perrin, an uncle of Mrs. Fish, had Fourth of July dinner with the "Bryan Family."

Former Bryan students, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shannon, with their daughter, "Skeezzer," spent part of their vacation from Springfield, Ohio, in visiting friends in Dayton and on Bryan Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ryan, former students from Detroit, Mich., visiting Dayton relatives, stopped by the University Office and as a result were instrumental in arranging for the Gospel Singers to have a service in the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Detroit.

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Christine Gordon (referring to Frances Gordon: "My, but she is homesick to come back to Bryan.")

Hendren Llewellyn: "I feel that I have accomplished a great undertaking in composing this missive. I trust Pablo and Lillian are taking good care of my roomie (Matilda, the cat)."

Robert Thompson's Mother: "Bob says he is ready to go back and is homesick for the kitchen."

Ed de Rosset: "I presume you have heard that I am working in the Insurance Company in New York again this summer. I am feeling quite well now and believe that I shall gradually regain my health."

Anne Walton: "Eileen eats griddle cakes and sausage every morning for breakfast, trying to gain weight. Both of us are developing muscles in our arms from carrying the big trays,

about twice as big as the ones at Bryan and round. . . . I haven't learned to balance mine on one hand yet."

Joe Schellhorn: "The boys were here and have gone. My family and I know the rest of the people that heard them enjoyed their message in song very much."

Dorothy White: "The Lord has wonderfully provided a car for them (Ben and Harriet) to return to school in. Ben is thrilled over the prospects of next year and using the car in His service. Isn't Phil. 4:19 a precious promise?"

Eileen Garwood: "We have been working about a month now (at Benjamin Franklin Inn, North Asbury Park, N. J.). The season only lasts through Labor Day. Hope everything is all right at Bryan. Remember me to everybody."